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#### REMARKS

Claims 8, 10-12, 20-25, and 27-30 are pending. Claims 8, 20, and 25 are independent claims. In the instant Office Action, claims 8, 10-12, 20-25, and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. And, claims 8, 10-12, 20-25, and 27-30 contain allowable subject matter. In the instant response, independent claims 8, 20, and 25 are amended to place the application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. It is requested that the foregoing amendments and following remarks be entered.

## Telephone Conversation With Examiner

Examiner Chen is thanked for the telephone conversation conducted on June 30, 2009. Clarifying amendments directed to the term "typing" were discussed to better place the application in condition for allowance.

### Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 8, 10-12, 20-25, and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because, as asserted in the instant Office Action, the of the recitation of the term "typing" in the claims.

Independent claims 8, 20, and 25 are amended to remove the term "typing" and to instead recite "associating" a column with a container. Claims 8, 20, and 25 also are amended to indicate that a column is associated with a container via a specific namespace URI. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection of claims 8, 10-12, 20-25, and 27-30, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

# Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8, 10-12, 20-25, and 27-30 would be allowable if rewritten or amend to overcome the aforementioned rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. In view of the foregoing amendments to

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independent claims 8, 20, and 25, it is submitted that claims 8, 10-12, 20-25, and 27-30 are in condition for allowance.

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#### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is submitted that the instant application including claims 8, 10-12, 20-25, and 27-30 is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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